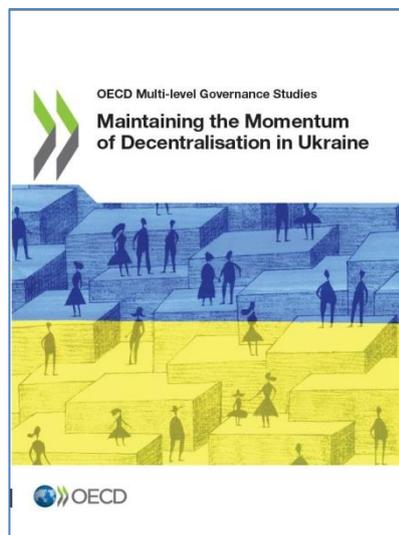**DRAFT AGENDA**

Launch of the OECD Report:
Maintaining the Momentum of Decentralisation in Ukraine

Friday 15 June 2018

9:30 – 13:00

Cabinet Ministers Club
Institutska St. 7

Kyiv, Ukraine

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◼ ABOUT THE PROJECT SUPPORTING DECENTRALISATION IN UKRAINE

The OECD project runs until June 2018 with the aim of helping the Ukrainian authorities implement their decentralisation reforms and strengthen the institutions of public governance at national and subnational levels across the country. It is jointly implemented by the OECD Regional Development Policy Committee and the OECD Eurasia Competitiveness Programme, in close collaboration with the Government of Ukraine. The project is **co-financed by the European Union, and the governments of the Czech Republic, Flanders (Belgium), and Poland**.

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◼ ABOUT THE EVENT

This event will provide a platform to discuss the main recommendations arising from the OECD report *Maintaining the Momentum of Decentralisation in Ukraine.* It will present regional development trends in Ukraine from a macroeconomic and territorial perspective, with a specific focus on growth across regions. With this as a contextual background, the discussions will focus on the main findings and key recommendations regarding Ukraine's current territorial reform, emphasising the advances and opportunities with respect to municipal amalgamations as well as the administrative and fiscal decentralisation processes. The aim is to help Ukrainian authorities at all levels of government gain insight into additional steps that can reinforce the reform process, and discuss an action plan to ensure that the reform process continues to advance with its own momentum.

This event, held with national and subnational authorities in Ukraine as well as other Ukrainian and international stakeholders involved in the decentralisation process, is conducted within the framework of the OECD project on *Supporting Decentralisation in Ukraine*.

Simultaneous **interpretation in English and Ukrainian** will be provided during the event.

◼ PARTICIPANTS

The target audience includes representatives from the central administration involved in the decentralisation reform including the competent ministries (Regional Development, Finance, Infrastructure, Economic Development and Trade) and other national agencies. Participants from the subnational level will include representatives of regional administrations, cities, newly amalgamated hromadas and other stakeholders involved in the decentralisation process. Heads of regional reform offices, business associations and international donor agencies will also be invited.

◼ REGISTRATION

Participation is free of charge, but registration is mandatory. If you wish to participate, please contact the OECD's local consultant in Ukraine, **Mr. Mykhailo Semchuk**, at mykhailo.semchuk78@gmail.com, by **Friday 8 June 2018.**

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Moderator: Ms. Maria Varinia Michalun, Project Manager, Decentralisation, Public Investment and Subnational Finance Division, OECD

9:30-10:00	**Registration and coffee**
10:00-10:45	**Welcome and Opening Remarks** • **H.E. Mr. Hennadiy Zubko,** Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Regional Development, Construction and Utilities of Ukraine • **Ms. Mari Kiviniemi,** Deputy Secretary-General, OECD • **H.E. Mr. Jan Piekło**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland to Ukraine • **Mr. Berend de Groot**, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation to Ukraine

10:45-11:30	**Presentation of the OECD report**
	
	• **Mr. William Tompson,** Head of Eurasia Division, OECD
	
	    Presentation of the main findings and policy recommendations
	
	• **Mr. Vyacheslav Nehoda,** First Deputy Minister for Regional Development, Construction and Utilities of Ukraine
	
	    Comments on the report and action plan to move the policy agenda forward

11:30-12:45	**Maintaining the Momentum of Decentralisation in Ukraine** • **Ms. Valentyna Poltavets**, Executive Director, Association of Amalgamated Communities of Ukraine • **Mr. Olexandr Slobozhan**, Executive Director, Association of Ukrainian Cities • **Mr. Bastian Veigel**, GIZ Programme Director, U-LEAD with Europe Programme • **Ms. Olena Simonenko,** Decentralisation expert, Reforms Delivery Office, Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine • **Ms. Nataliia Shapoval**, Vice President for Policy Research, Kyiv School of Economics **Open discussion**

	Key topics for discussion:
	- What are the next steps for territorial reform, decentralisation reform and regional development policy in Ukraine?
	- What role can be envisaged for newly amalgamated communities in supporting equitable regional development?
	- How can the greater fiscal capacities at the local level be matched by greater human resource capacity?
	- How has Ukraine's decentralisation reform contributed to overall citizen well-being?
	- How can the decentralisation reform help to boost subnational investment, for example in transport infrastructure and public transport services?
12:45-13:00	**Conclusions**
	• **Ms. Dorothée Allain-Dupré,** Head of Unit, Decentralisation, Public Investment and Subnational Finance, OECD
	• **Mr. Berend de Groot**, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation to Ukraine
13:00	***End of conference***